



## Area Labor Profile

**Berrien**

**County**



Updated: Dec 2016

## Labor Force Activity - 2015

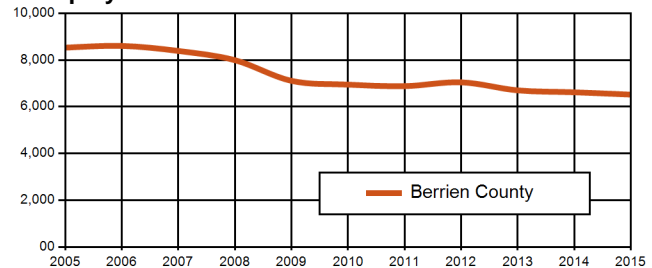
### 2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Berrien	7,010	6,521	489	7.0%
Atkinson	3,872	3,656	216	5.6%
Coffee	17,395	16,253	1,142	6.6%
Cook	7,252	6,773	479	6.6%
Irwin	3,058	2,809	249	8.1%
Lanier	3,783	3,532	251	6.6%
Lowndes	50,355	47,359	2,996	5.9%
Tift	18,001	16,892	1,109	6.2%
<b>Berrien Area</b>	<b>110,726</b>	<b>103,795</b>	<b>6,931</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%

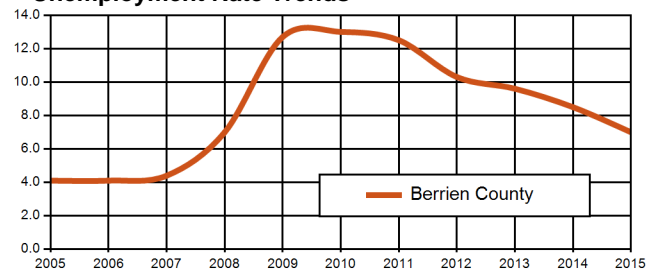
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

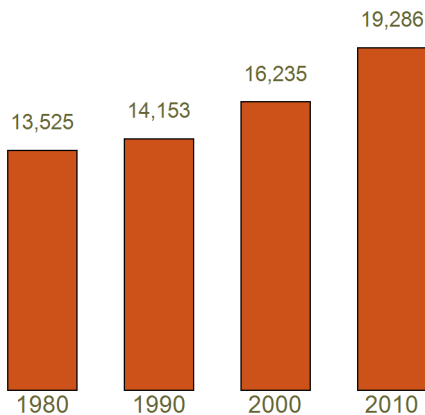
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Berrien</b>	<b>19,286</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>18,963</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>18,683</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
City of Nashville	4,939					
<b>Berrien Area</b>	<b>256,196</b>		<b>260,779</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>289,428</b>	<b>13.0</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

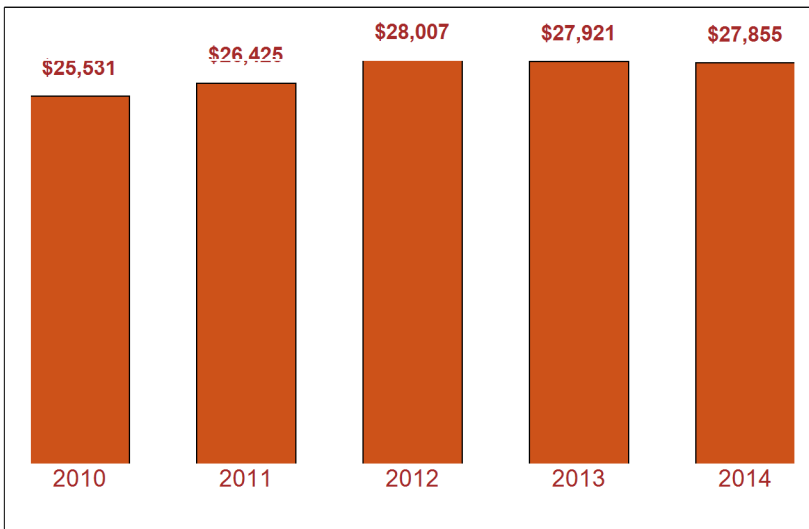
INDUSTRY	Berrien				Berrien Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>18,023</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>742</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	17	248	7.0	496	197	2,870	2.9	434
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	4	58	0.1	790
Construction	22	75	2.1	557	501	4,354	4.4	840
Manufacturing	18	976	27.5	812	260	10,740	10.9	785
Food	1	*	*	*	23	1,582	1.6	639
Textile Mills	3	*	*	*	6	275	0.3	521
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	13	273	0.3	496
Wood Product	3	*	*	*	24	1,230	1.3	672
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	16	328	0.3	912
Fabricated Metal Product	3	106	3.0	560	45	1,335	1.4	725
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	17	2,040	2.1	798
Furniture and Related Product	4	18	0.5	359	16	102	0.1	523
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	4	169	0.2	748
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	6	569	0.6	1,259
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	7	278	0.3	1,143
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	10	84	0.1	663
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	15	102	0.1	642
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	16	708	0.7	977
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	17	335	0.3	977
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	19	1,072	1.1	708
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>58,004</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>554</b>
Utilities	2	*	*	*	27	433	0.4	1,166
Wholesale Trade	20	122	3.4	687	317	3,217	3.3	783
Retail Trade	53	399	11.2	497	1,095	12,853	13.1	473
Transportation and Warehousing	6	10	0.3	594	180	5,287	5.4	789
Information	4	16	0.5	550	53	1,962	2.0	521
Finance and Insurance	17	100	2.8	995	318	1,990	2.0	872
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8	20	0.6	308	250	1,196	1.2	622
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	17	65	1.8	850	420	2,072	2.1	902
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2	*	*	*	24	398	0.4	1,562
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	8	*	*	*	294	5,001	5.1	462
Educational Services	2	*	*	*	36	457	0.5	470
Health Care and Social Assistance	17	201	5.7	467	630	8,568	8.7	718
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	*	*	*	57	1,250	1.3	270
Accommodation and Food Services	16	238	6.7	229	514	11,196	11.4	252
Other Services (except Public Administration)	17	41	1.2	416	419	1,878	1.9	487
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>76,027</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>22,317</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>734</b>
Federal Government	7	31	0.9	795	109	1,564	1.6	800
State Government	10	60	1.7	682	129	5,413	5.5	720
Local Government	8	871	24.5	607	128	15,340	15.6	732
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>98,345</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>629</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>298,099</b>	<b>4,257,675</b>		<b>930</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

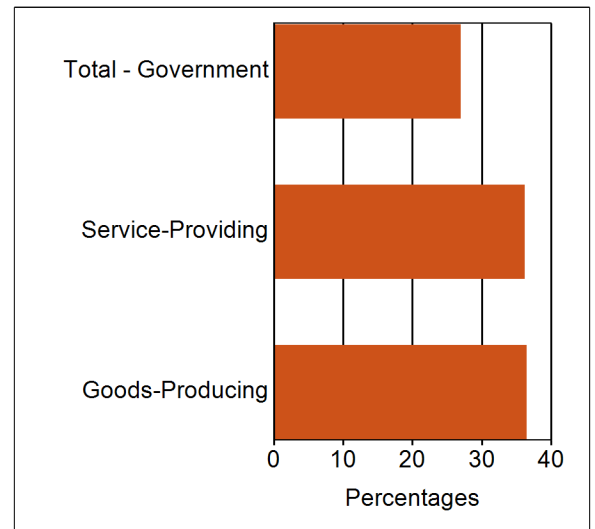
## Berrien Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Berrien Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015\*

### Berrien

B H Electronics, Inc.  
Berrien Nursing Center  
Chaparral Boats, Inc.  
Dollar General  
Harveys Supermarkets  
Nashville Tractor, Inc.  
Ray's Millpond Cafe, Inc.  
Southern Grace Farms, Inc.  
The Citizens Bank  
Tucker Farms

\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Berrien Area

Chaparral Boats, Inc.  
Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc.  
Convergys Customer Management  
Data Software Services, LLC  
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.  
Parkwood Development Center  
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation  
Valdosta State University  
Walmart  
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### COUNTY

Berrien  
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## Commuting Patterns

### EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

#### Berrien

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Berrien, GA	3,455	47.7
Lowndes, GA	1,448	20.0
Tift, GA	1,066	14.7
Cook, GA	400	5.5
Atkinson, GA	167	2.3
Irwin, GA	81	1.1
Ben Hill, GA	79	1.1
Lanier, GA	74	1.0
Other	476	6.6
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>7,246</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PERSONS WORKING IN

#### Berrien

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Berrien, GA	3,455	67.1
Cook, GA	452	8.8
Lowndes, GA	378	7.3
Lanier, GA	282	5.5
Tift, GA	238	4.6
Coffee, GA	76	1.5
Brooks, GA	71	1.4
Atkinson, GA	42	0.8
Other	115	2.2
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>5,151</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

# Education of the Labor Force

## Berrien Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	7.0%	2.7%	4.5%	6.0%	6.5%	17.4%
Some High School	15.6%	18.1%	15.8%	11.9%	14.8%	18.5%
High School Grad/GED	33.6%	32.8%	28.7%	35.3%	35.8%	33.6%
Some College	22.9%	37.1%	24.3%	22.4%	18.0%	14.9%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.9%	4.8%	9.0%	8.3%	7.9%	3.5%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.8%	4.2%	12.6%	9.7%	9.6%	7.1%
Post Graduate Studies	5.2%	0.3%	5.1%	6.4%	7.5%	5.0%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Atkinson	83	--	83
Berrien	208	--	208
Coffee	424	--	424
Cook	203	--	203
Irwin	95	--	95
Lanier	81	--	81
Lowndes	1,068	--	1,068
Tift	484	--	484
<b>Berrien Area</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2,646</b>



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

# Colleges and Universities

## Berrien Area

### Lowndes

Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus	
Embry-Riddle - Moody Center	<a href="http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8">http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8</a>
Valdosta State University	<a href="http://www.valdosta.edu">www.valdosta.edu</a>
Moody Air Force Base Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	<a href="http://www.wiregrass.edu">www.wiregrass.edu</a>
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	<a href="http://www.wiregrass.edu">www.wiregrass.edu</a>

### Tift

Troy University-Tifton Site	<a href="http://tifton.troy.edu/">tifton.troy.edu/</a>
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	<a href="http://www.abac.edu">www.abac.edu</a>
Tifton Campus (Satellite campus of Southern Regional Technical College)	<a href="http://www.southernregional.edu">www.southernregional.edu</a>

### Coffee

South Georgia State College	<a href="http://www.sgc.edu">www.sgc.edu</a>
Coffee County Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	<a href="http://www.wiregrass.edu">www.wiregrass.edu</a>

### Cook

Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	<a href="http://www.wiregrass.edu">www.wiregrass.edu</a>
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

## Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	47	55	76	17.0	38.2
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	35	39	58	11.4	48.7
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	18	24	69	33.3	187.5
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	49	93	203	89.8	118.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	16	29	55	81.3	89.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	50	43	307	-14.0	614.0
Banking and Financial Support Services°	18	22	25	22.2	13.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	6	9	39	50.0	333.3
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	1	1	21	0.0	2000.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	29	34	175	17.2	414.7
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	4	11	13	175.0	18.2
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	9	7	15	-22.2	114.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	10	16	32	60.0	100.0
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	5	8	17	60.0	112.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	104	123	333	18.3	170.7
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	70	127	287	81.4	126.0
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	3	30	-57.1	900.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	16	25	33	56.3	32.0
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	6	14	-45.5	133.3

# Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	17	38	88.9	123.5
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	3	1	2	-66.7	100.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	43	21	81	-51.2	285.7
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	1	6	11	500.0	83.3
Electrician°	19	30	41	57.9	36.7
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	32	17	180	-46.9	958.8
Game and Interactive Media Design°	1	2	16	100.0	700.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	15	23	42	53.3	82.6
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	1	5	61	400.0	1120.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	58	62	83	6.9	33.9
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	16	40	72	150.0	80.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	109	95	128	-12.8	34.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	5	5	22	0.0	340.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	15	18	38	20.0	111.1
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	4	3	1	-25.0	-66.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	30	20	34	-33.3	70.0
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	22	8	33	-63.6	312.5
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	2	11	31	450.0	181.8
Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions, Other°	6	7	13	16.7	85.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	13	12	62.5	-7.7
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	41	53	42	29.3	-20.8
Photographic and Film/Video Technology/Technician and Assistant	1	9	3	800.0	-66.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	20	21	14	5.0	-33.3
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	2	15	36	650.0	140.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	10	10	22	0.0	120.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	111	136	268	22.5	97.1
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	43	89	192	107.0	115.7

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Atkinson	69	6	11	0	5	2	0	2	2	4	26	11
Berrien	124	6	10	13	0	5	24	0	16	15	17	18
Coffee	587	53	103	6	15	5	21	0	40	24	141	179
Cook	180	13	32	3	2	0	0	10	2	7	30	81
Irwin	69	22	3	0	9	3	0	0	5	2	23	2
Lanier	182	4	0	8	81	2	0	0	10	1	67	9
Lowndes	1,192	70	216	87	78	5	23	0	173	101	267	172
Tift	428	10	81	48	11	15	7	0	48	10	184	14
Subtotal Area	2,831	184	456	165	201	37	75	12	296	164	755	486

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Atkinson	1,067	0	34	8	13	181	173	136	27	69	207	219
Berrien	1,439	35	43	6	11	136	388	0	30	178	314	298
Coffee	7,246	115	270	79	119	730	1,117	184	324	460	1,910	1,938
Cook	1,662	22	53	36	43	224	334	16	47	135	485	267
Irwin	912	9	9	5	6	167	269	28	45	10	154	210
Lanier	622	17	9	8	7	33	235	7	15	86	88	117
Lowndes	5,824	154	327	119	137	318	1,225	117	206	759	1,568	894
Tift	3,237	14	114	49	53	425	951	79	86	166	543	757
Subtotal Area	22,009	366	859	310	389	2,214	4,692	567	780	1,863	5,269	4,700

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

## Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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